



2005 CENSUS SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CONGREGATIONS

**This announcement is suggested for use
during the week of October 2, 2005.**

Some of you haven't filled out your Census Survey form yet. And others may be thinking of not answering at all. This week census workers will be visiting homes that have not returned their questionnaires. Please give the census workers your full cooperation.

Failure to participate in the census can cost our community more than you realize. Census numbers are used to determine the distribution of about \$1 billion dollars in state-shared revenue among the cities and towns in Arizona. You pay your taxes and you have the right to share in the benefits provided by your government's programs. Our community stands to gain millions of dollars for vital services and programs if you fill out your 2005 Census Survey.

**This announcement is suggested for use
during the week of October 9, 2005.**

For the past few weeks, I have been talking about the importance of the 2005 Census Survey to our community and encouraging you to participate. I hope those of you who have received a survey have filled it out, but I'm sure some people in the community have not.

Census workers are visiting homes that have not returned their forms. If you get a visit from a census worker, ask them to show you their identification card. Then, please give them your full cooperation.

Remember the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with others, including welfare agencies, Immigration, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police or the military. Anyone who breaks this law can receive up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. The U.S. Census Bureau has a longstanding position, without exception, to hold each person's answers confidential. Since the first census in 1790, the Census Bureau has **never** violated this policy.

If we have a good response rate to the 2005 Census Survey, we will get millions of dollars for the programs and services that our community depends on. So, please cooperate with the census workers.